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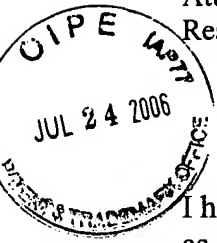
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In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2006 in the above-captioned U.S. patent application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments and remarks be considered, as the amendments and remarks place the application in a condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 8** of this paper.